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SUBJECT: REARRANGEMENT OF FEBRUARY 7 MEETING ON
GOVERNMENT GROUP STRUCTURE AND REACTION TO U.S. VIEWS ON
SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE

REF: (A) STATE 12607 (B) STATE 8752

1. MR. J. SYMONS, ASSISTANT, ECONOMIC SECTION, UN
DEPARTMENT, FCO, TO WHOM WE CONVEYED OUR EARLIER REQUEST
FOR HMG SUPPORT IN THE "REARRANGEMENT" OF WORKING PARTY
ON STRUCTURE MEETINGS (REF. A) TOLD US TODAY, JANUARY 21,
THAT THE FCO HAD INSTRUCTED ITS MISSION IN GENEVA TO
INFORM AMBASSADOR AZIMI THAT HMG WAS AGREEABLE TO A SHIFT
IN THE DATE OF MEETING TO MARCH 7 PROVIDED IT HAD THE
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"GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED." HE ADDED
THAT IF THIS SHIFT WAS AGREED, THEN IT WOULD BE LOGICAL
FOR THE TRI-PARTITE GROUP TO HOLD ITS MEETING IN MID-MAY
AS WE DESIRED.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE U.S. POSITION
(WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY CONVEYED AS PER INSTRUCTIONS IN

REF. B), THE FCO OFFICIAL SAID THAT, FORMALLY, THE HMG WOULD TAKE NOTE OF OUR VIEWS. INFORMALLY, HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THERE IS "A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE OF APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION" BETWEEN THE USG AND HMG. HE SAID: "WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE A NUMBER OF DEMANDS ON THE QUESTION OF STRUCTURE, SOME OF WHICH SEEM TO BE FAIRLY GENUINELY BASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE CERTAIN INTERESTS WE WANT PARTICULARLY TO DEFEND. WE NOTE THAT DAN HOROWITZ SPELLED OUT A NUMBER OF PRINCIPLES HE FEELS MUST BE DEFENDED, INCLUDING THE OVER-RIDING IMPORTANCE OF TRI-PARTISM AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A REASONABLE PROPORTION OF LIKE-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY."

"WE ARE SEEKING WAYS TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD MEET SOME OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHILE DEFENDING OUR GENUINE INTERESTS IN RELATION TO COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE. AS MR. HOROWITZ KNOWS, WE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSING WAYS OF ACHIEVING THOSE TWO AIMS. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THE USG ENVISAGES SOME CHANGE, PROVIDING THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES SPELLED OUT BY MR. HOROWITZ ARE PROTECTED. THIS IS OUR FIRST RECOGNITION THAT YOU NOW BELIEVE NO CHANGE AT ALL IS FEASIBLE. ONE OF THE CONCERNS WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IS THAT IF WE DON'T SHOW SOME WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WE ARE LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH A CRISIS IN THE ILO, PERHAPS A CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD THROW OPEN THE AREA EVEN MORE WIDELY THAN THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE AND WE WOULD

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BE FACED WITH THE NEED TO USE OR NOT TO USE A VETO. WE ARE NOT SURE THAT GETTING INTO THIS SITUATION IS IN OUR INTEREST OR THAT OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE ILO."

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